

In the Specification:

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" In another aspect, the present invention provides an automated merchandising system for computer software having a memory for storing software for distribution to customers, a point of sale terminal including customer interface means for receiving a software select customer choice input, means for writing the software selected by the customer from the memory onto a software carrier, and means for associating an identification code with the selected software provided to the customer, the identification code comprising at least one of the following identification parameters: purchaser identification, point of sale identification and date of purchase, and for embedding the identification code on the software carrier.

In another aspect, the present invention provides an automated merchandising system having a memory storing software and a point of sale terminal including means a) for receiving a selection input from a customer, b) for associating an identification code with software selected from the memory in response to the selection input, the code including at least one of the following identifying parameters: purchaser identification and point of sale identification, and for dispensing the selected software to the customer by writing the selected software, and the identification code associated with the selected software, on a software carrier.